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Mr. Woody Alverson, President
Accurate Metals Products
8165 West Tower Avenue
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Re: Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site (SER) –
Source Area 11/Former Rockwell International Graphics Property, 2524 11th
Street, Rockford, (Winnebago County), Illinois

Dear Mr. Alverson:

I am writing in response to your attorney's letter dated April 12, 2007 concerning the property referenced above. My response is based upon the facts presently known to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and is provided solely for informational purposes.

The problem of investigating, responding to, and cleaning property contaminated by hazardous substances is a complex one. In an effort to maximize resources and ensure timely responses, EPA and the states work together in responding to properties posing threats of environmental contamination. Although the Comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA", also known as "Superfund") is a federal law that establishes a federal program, the law also envisions and provides for state involvement at Sites handled under the Superfund program. CERCLA explicitly describes scenarios under which a state may have a significant and prominent role in site activities.

The site about which you have inquired, SER-Source Area 11, is a site that falls under the federal Superfund program, but has been designated as a state-lead. A state-lead designation means that although the site remains in EPA's inventory of sites and may be on EPA's list of highest priority sites, the National Priorities List ("NPL"), implementing responsibilities to investigate and cleanup that site rest with the state of Illinois. Specifically, Illinois is responsible for the day-to-day activities at the site and was involved in recommending the cleanup method to be implemented at the site. EPA's role is to review some of Illinois' milestone documents, if appropriate, provide technical assistance if needed, and, in most cases, approve the final cleanup method recommended by the state. The state and EPA work together closely, pursuant to the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") to ensure that site responses are conducted in a timely manner and that interested parties are included in site activities. The cleanup methods to be implemented at the site are set forth in a Record of Decision ("ROD") that was signed on June 11, 2002.

Because EPA's day-to-day role at the SER-Source Area 11 site is somewhat limited, you should check with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IL EPA") for more detailed information on site activities. IL EPA is best able to provide you with detailed information about the site and public documents regarding site activity. The IL EPA contact is: Mr. Thomas C. Williams LPG, National Priorities List Unit, Federal Sites Remediation Section, Division of Remedial Management, Bureau of Land, 12 Gunia Drive, Suite 2, LaSalle, Illinois 61301 (telephone: 815/223-1714).

If you have any additional questions, or wish to discuss this information, please feel free to contact me at: U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., mail code: SR-6J, Chicago, Illinois 60604 (telephone: 312/886-4844). Legal questions may be directed to: Tom Turner, Staff Attorney, ORC, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., mail code: C-14J, Chicago, Illinois 60604 (telephone: 312/886-6613).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Hart".

Russ Hart, RPM
Superfund Division

cc: Tom Williams LPG
Illinois EPA-LaSalle, IL Office

Tom Turner, ORC
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